

FEMA National Watch Center

Daily Operations Briefing

Friday, September 27, 2024

8:30 a.m. ET



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National Current Ops / Monitoring

New Significant Incidents / Ongoing Ops

- Tropical Storm Helene – Southeast

Hazard Monitoring

- Excessive Rainfall/Flash Flooding – Southeast
- Tropical Activity:
 - Atlantic:
 - Tropical Storm Helene
 - Hurricane Isaac
 - Disturbance 1: High (90%)
 - Disturbance 2: Low (30%)
 - Disturbance 3: Low (20%)
 - Eastern Pacific:
 - Tropical Storm John
 - Western Pacific:
 - Tropical Storm Jebi

Disaster Declaration Activity

- Approval: Emergency Declaration – AL, GA, NC, SC
- Approval: Major Disaster Declaration – VT
- Two Amendments issued

Event Monitoring

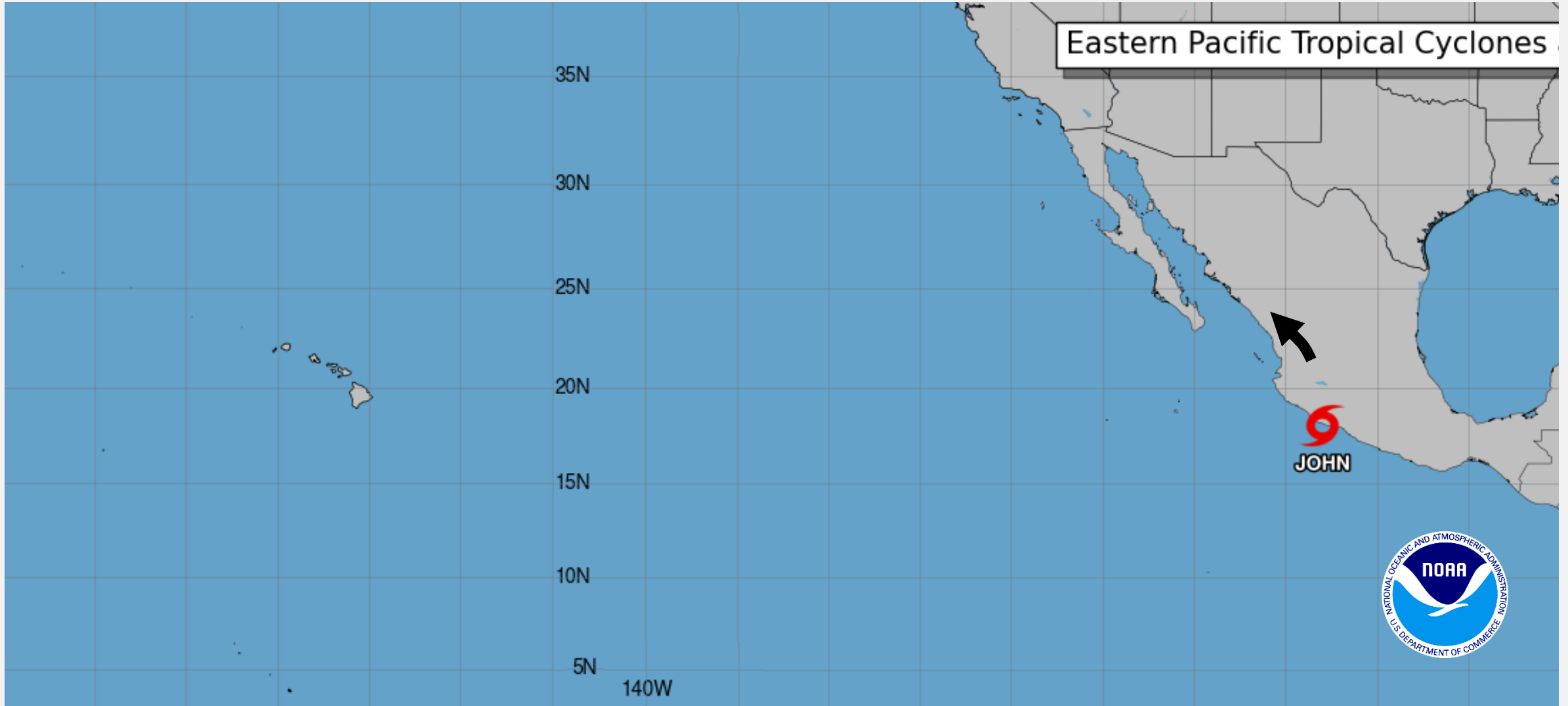
- 79th United Nations General Assembly – NY



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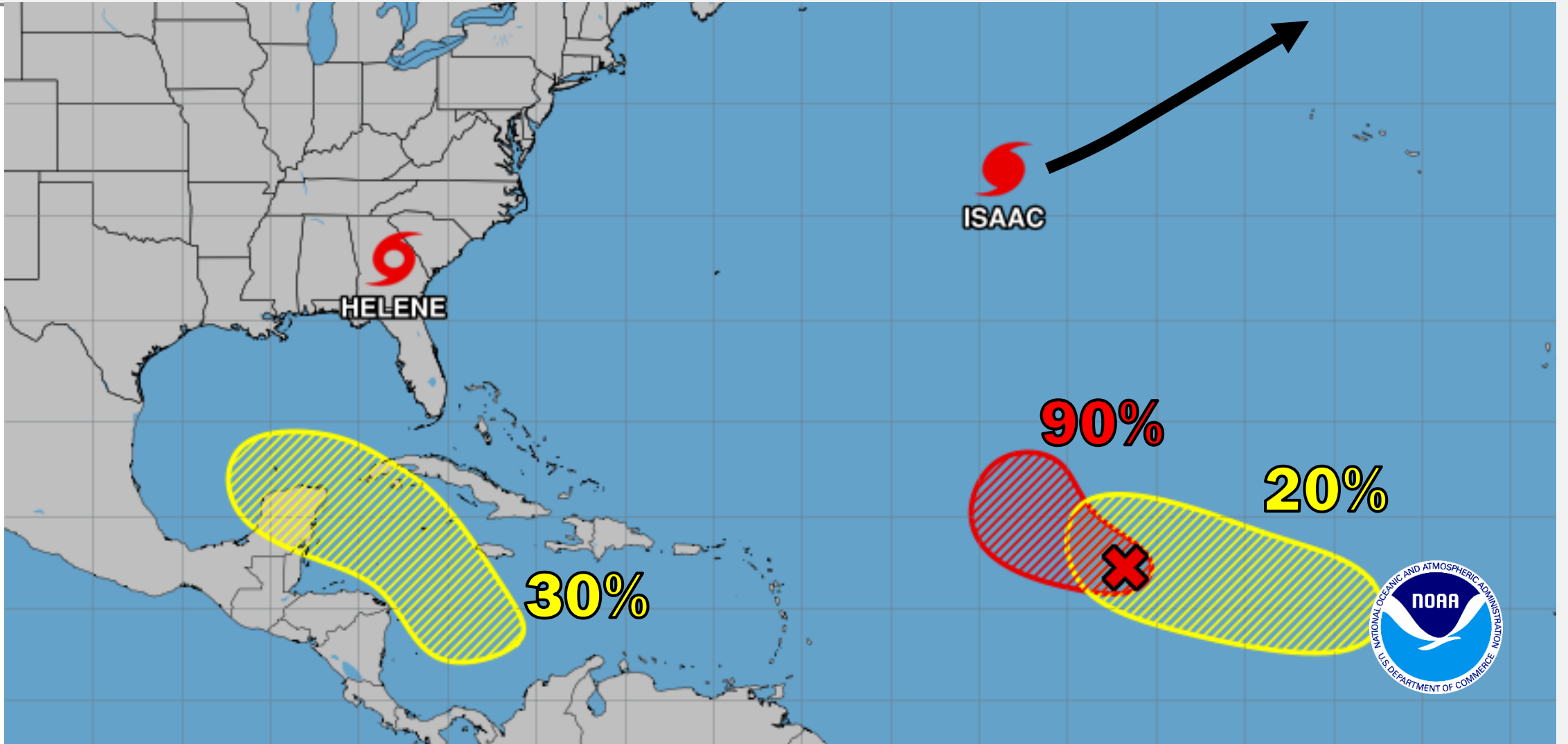
Pacific Overview

TROPICAL OUTLOOK



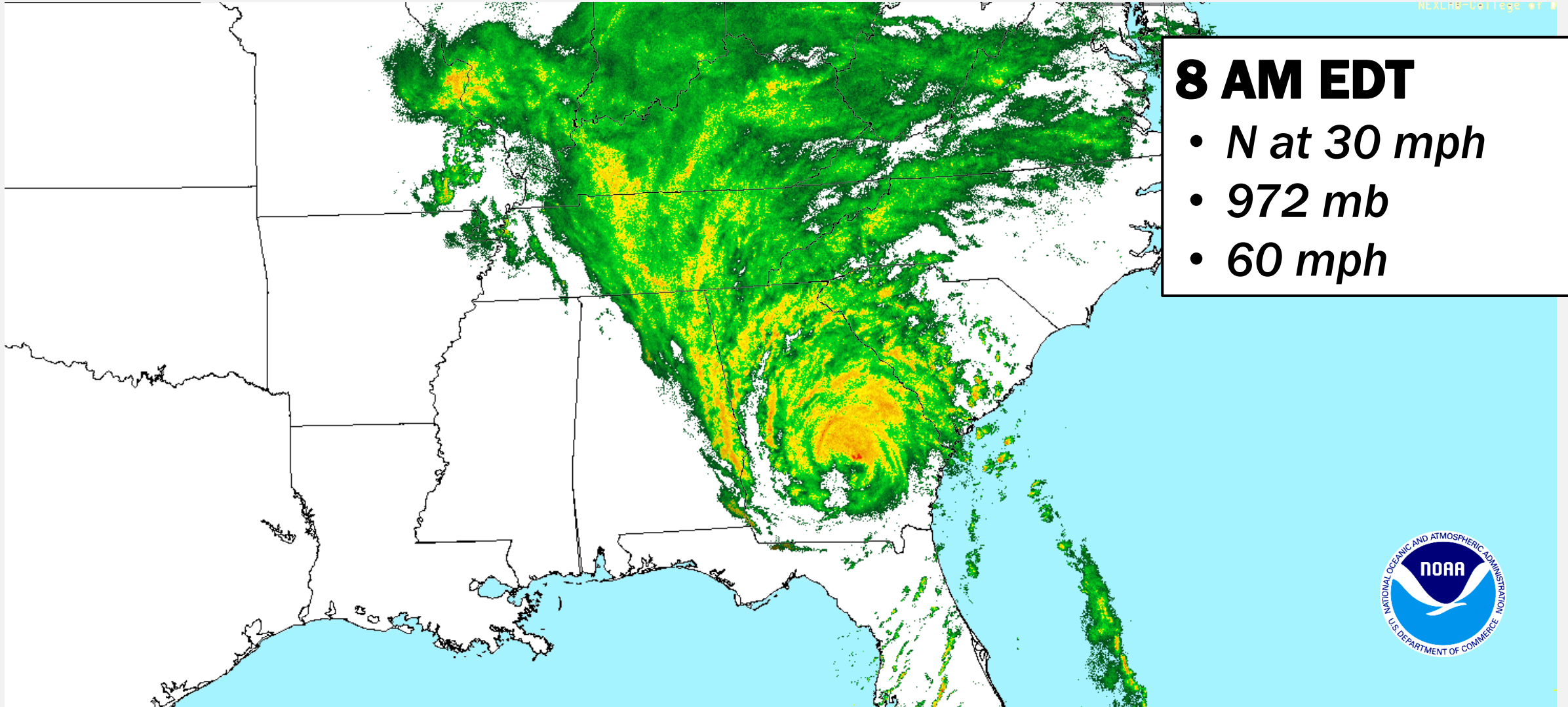
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TROPICAL OUTLOOK



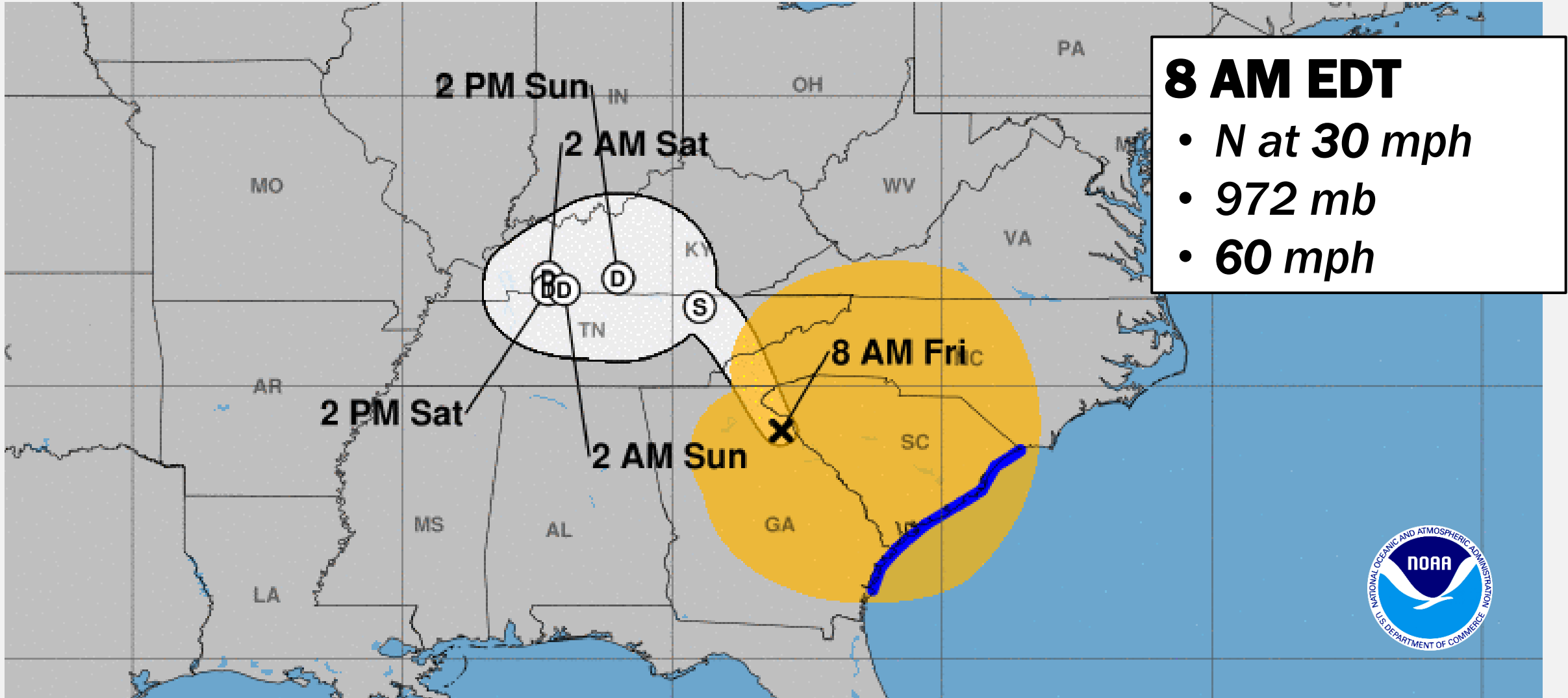
Tropical Storm Helene

RADAR LOOP



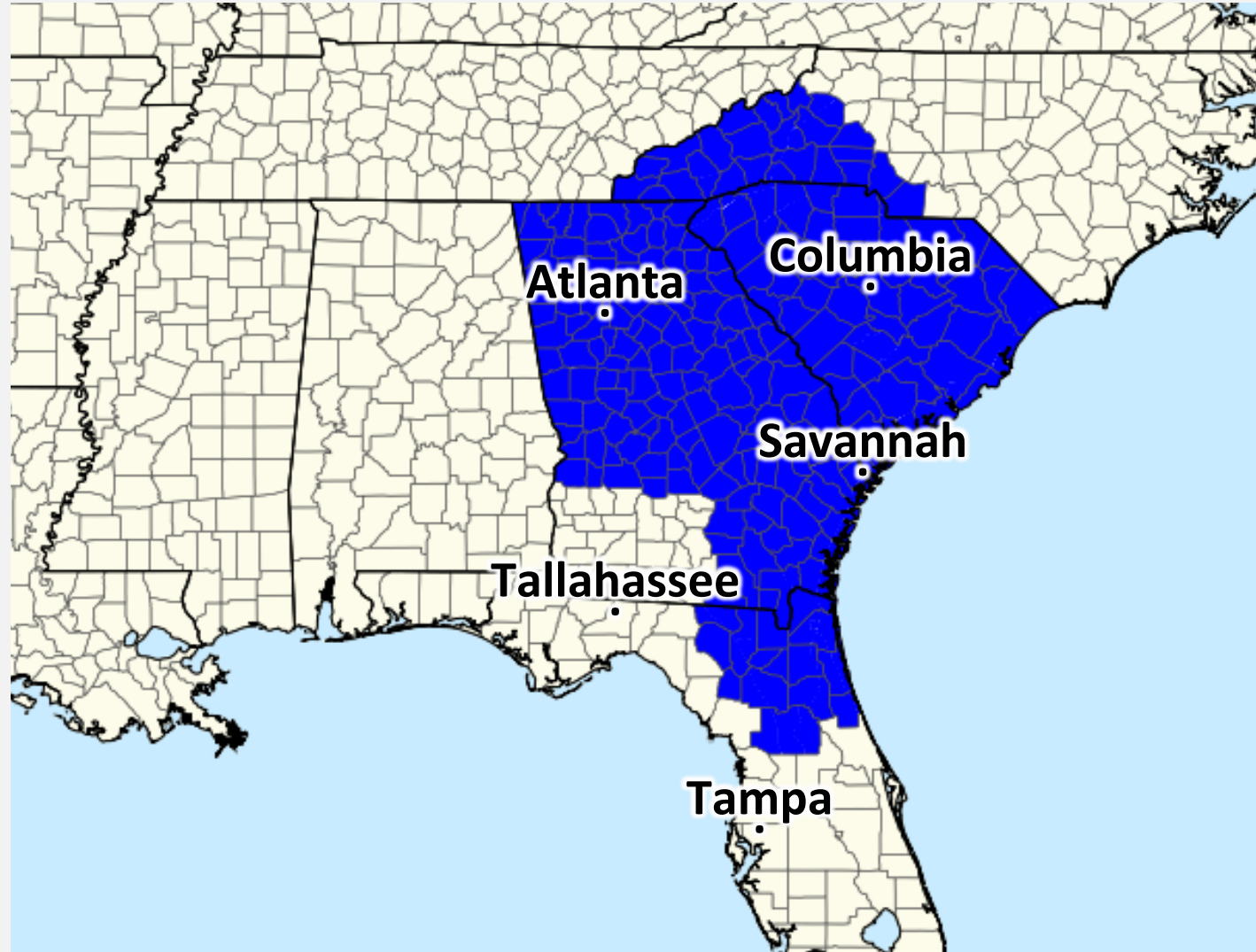
Tropical Storm Helene

FORECAST TRACK



Tropical Storm Helene

TROPICAL STORM WARNINGS



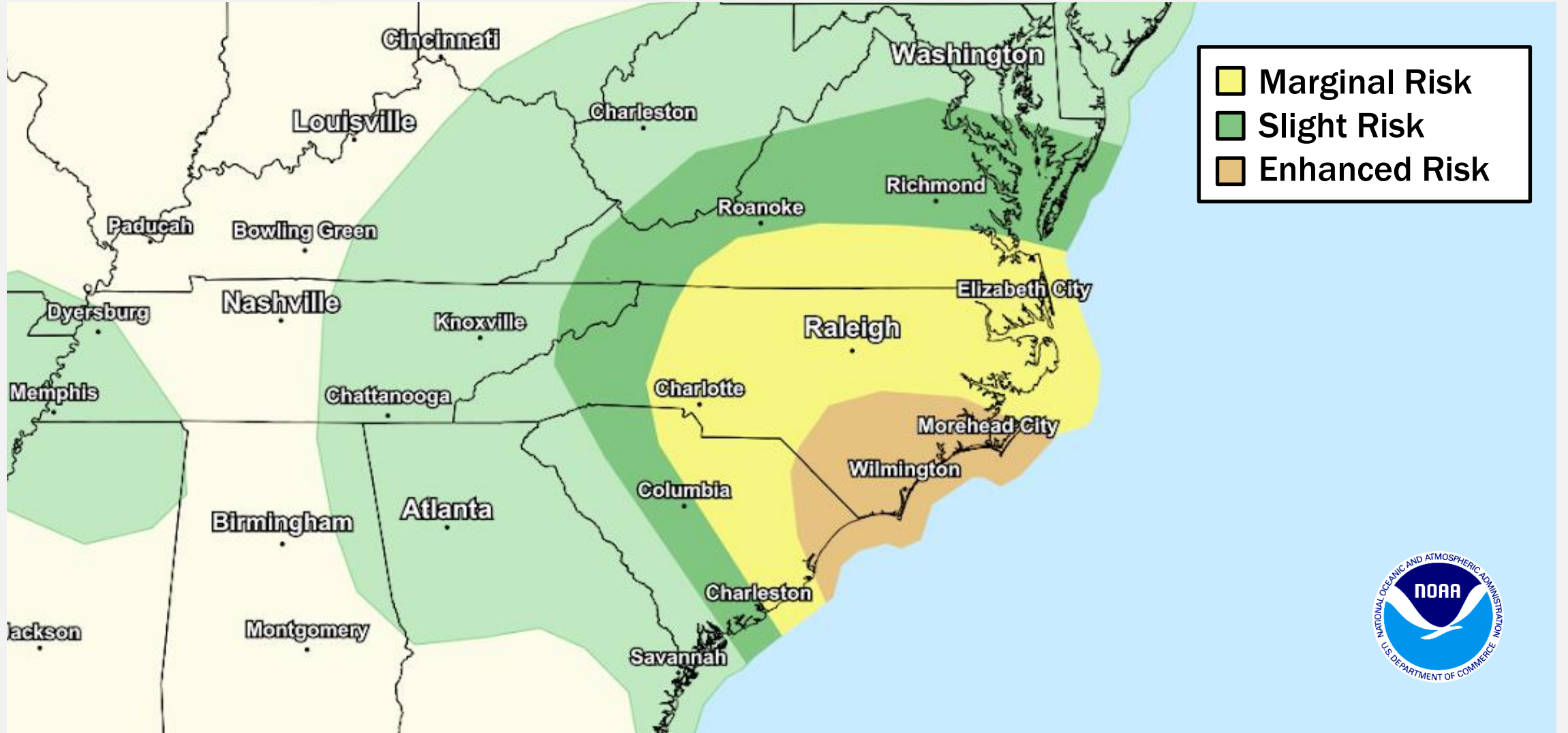
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PEAK STORM SURGE FORECAST



Tropical Storm Helene

SEVERE WEATHER OUTLOOK

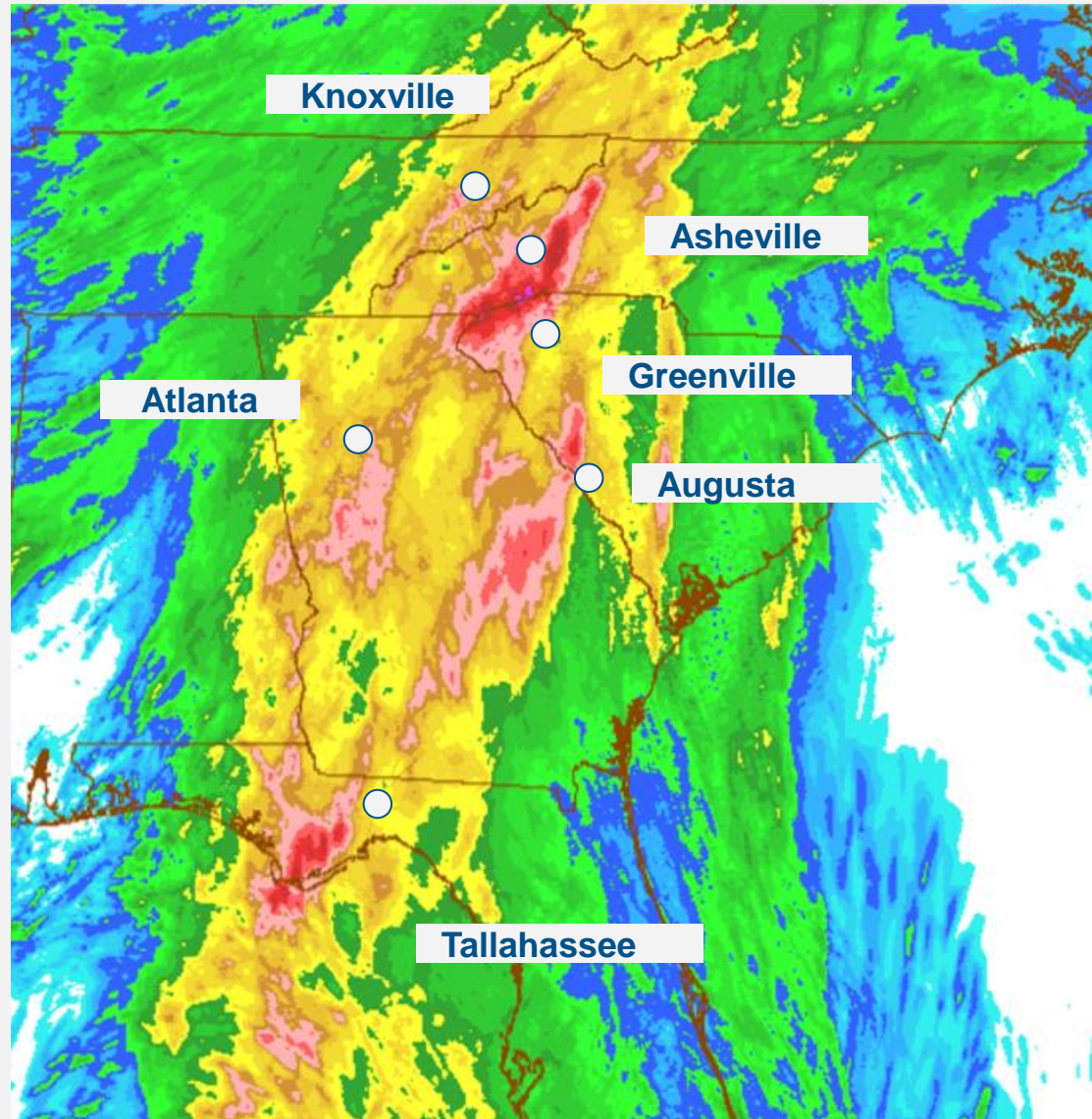
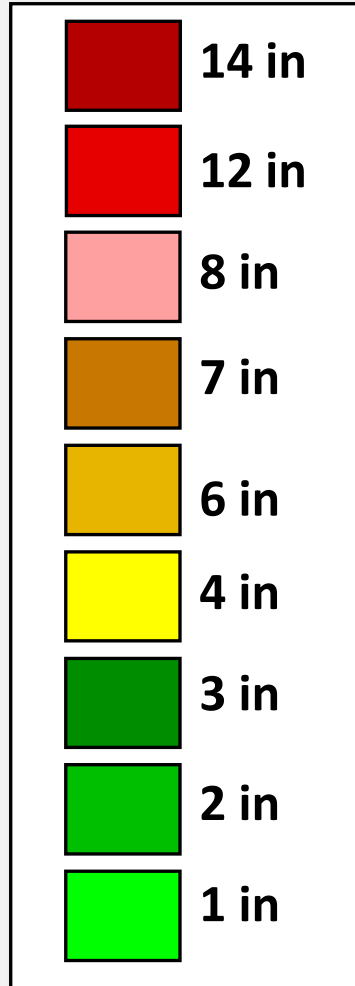


Helene

NWS Weather Prediction Center
Updated 6 AM EDT, Friday September 27



OBSERVED PRECIPITATION last 72 hours (*preliminary*)



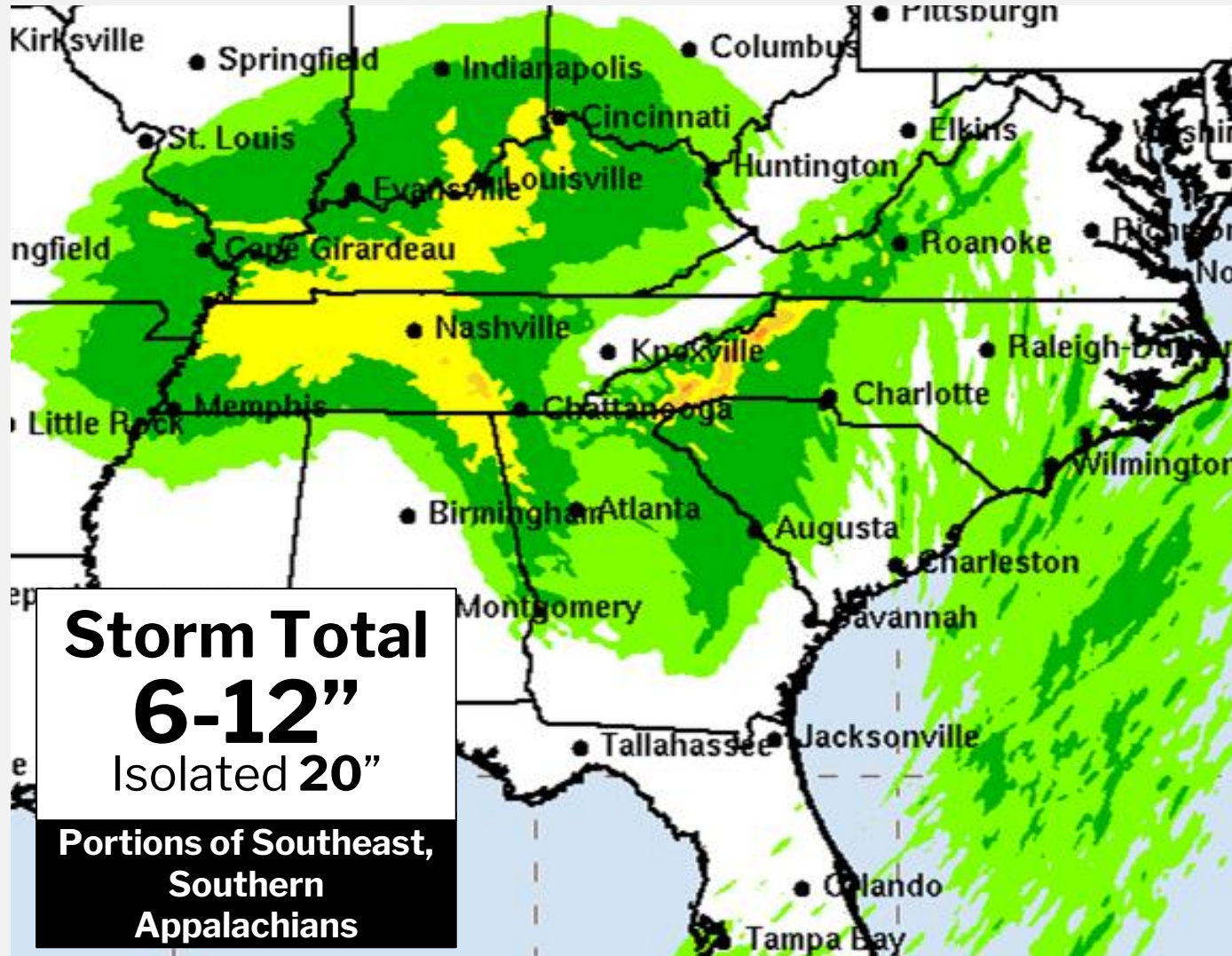
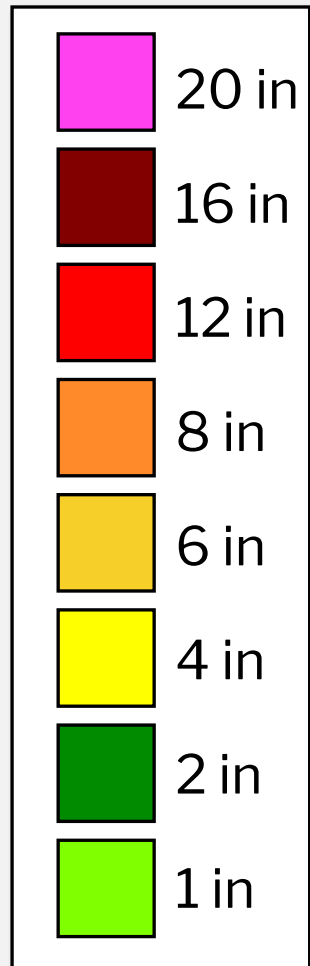
Through 5 AM EDT

Helene

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2 DAY RAINFALL *valid through 8 AM EDT Sunday*



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FLASH FLOOD RISK

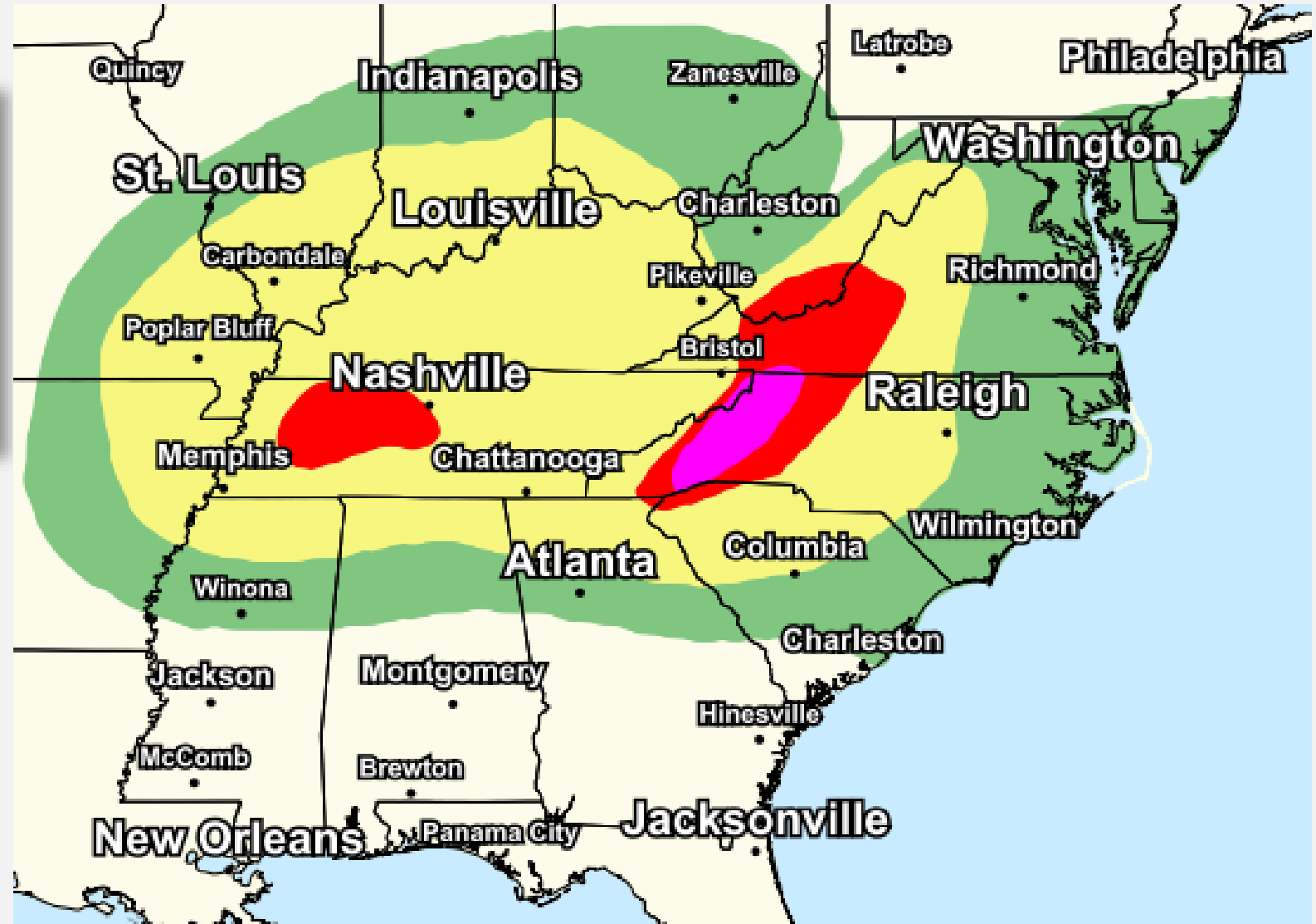
Risk of Flash Flooding

Marginal

Moderate

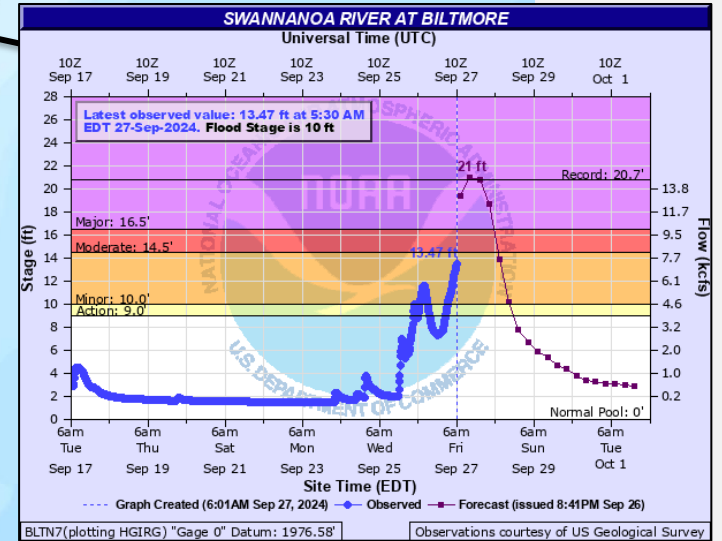
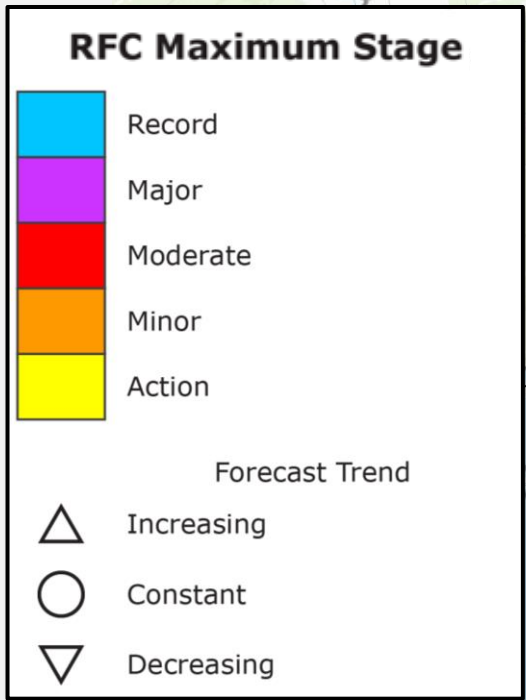
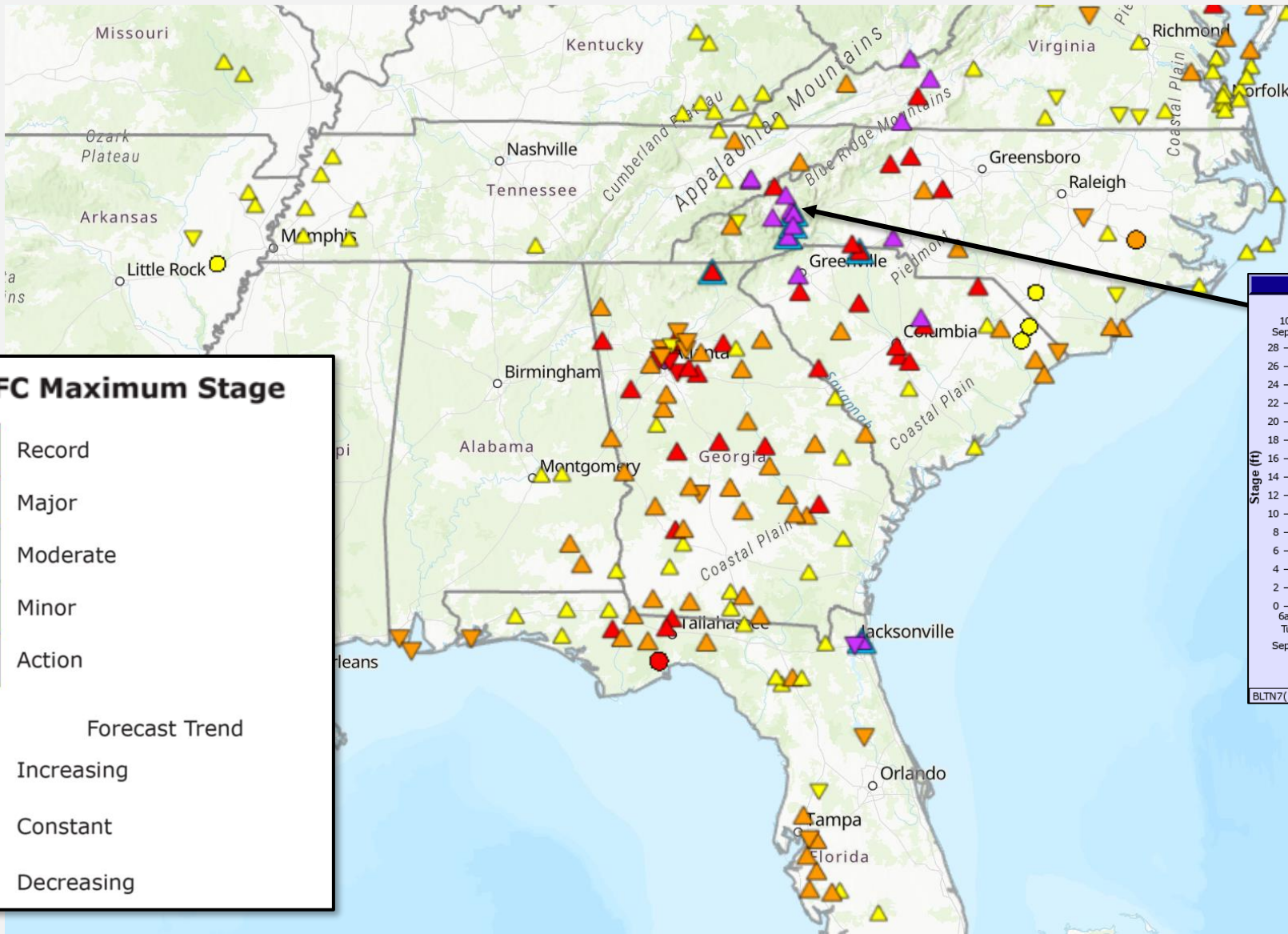
Slight

High



Tropical Storm Helene

RFC Max Stage Forecast (Trend)



SWANNANOA R. @ BILTMORE



Record Flooding Forecast in Asheville, NC

Friday, September 27, 2024
12:45 AM EDT

Life Threatening Flooding Possible

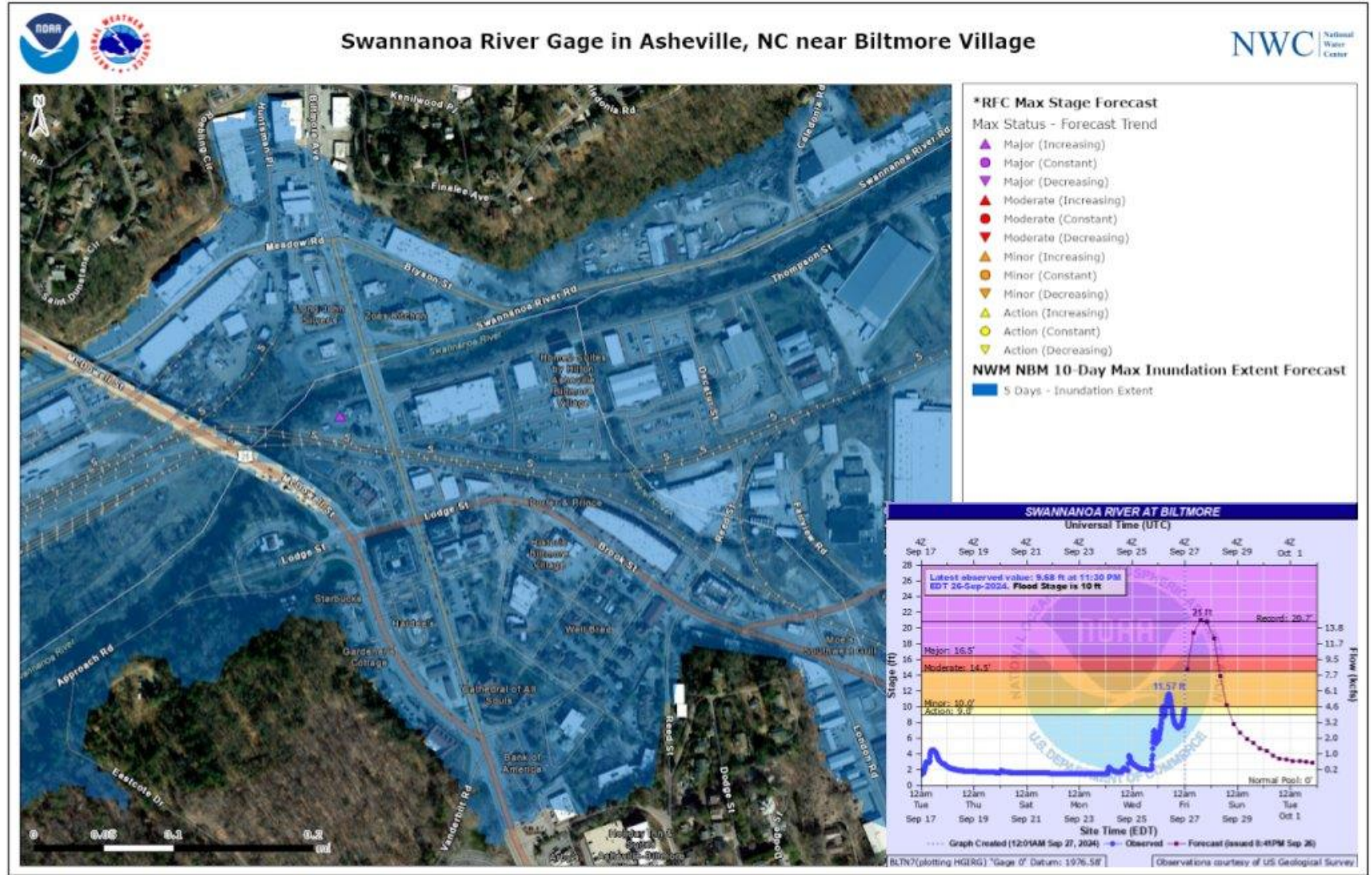
Key Messages

- Record flooding is forecast along the Swannanoa River
- Life threatening flooding may be possible
- Flood inundation mapping suggests widespread flooding in the Biltmore Village area of Asheville (shown in blue in the image on the right)
- To escape rising water, take the shortest path to higher ground.



Timing

- Flooding is ongoing and expected to crest Friday evening at record stage





Significant Flooding Possible in Bakersfield, NC

Friday, September 27, 2024
2:15 AM EDT

Life Threatening Flooding Possible Through Today

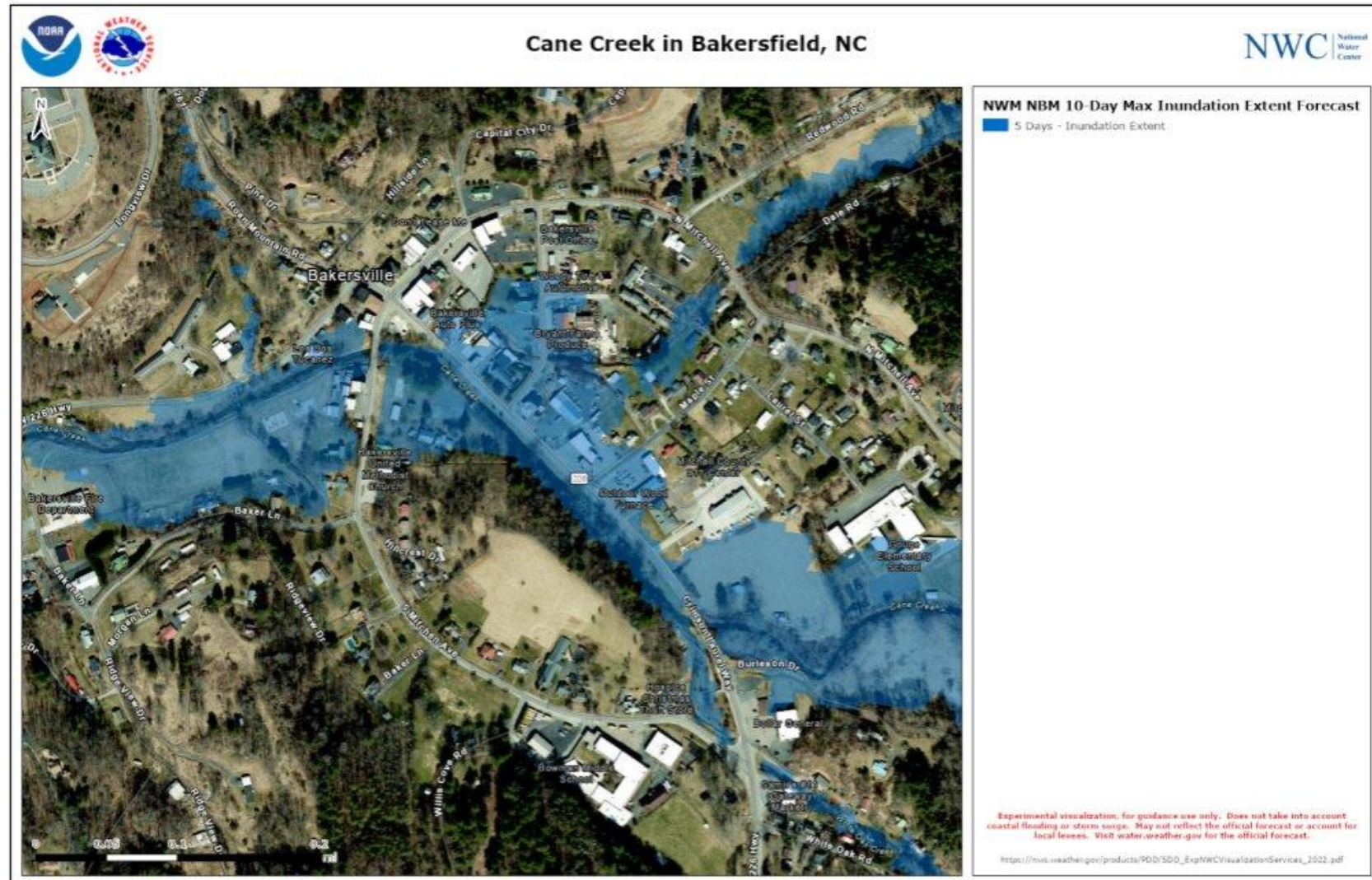
Key Messages

- Significant, life threatening is possible today in Bakersfield.
- Flood inundation mapping suggests significant flooding is possible along Cane Creek (shown in blue in the image on the right).
- To escape rising water, take the shortest path to higher ground.
- Turn Around, Don't Drown!



Timing

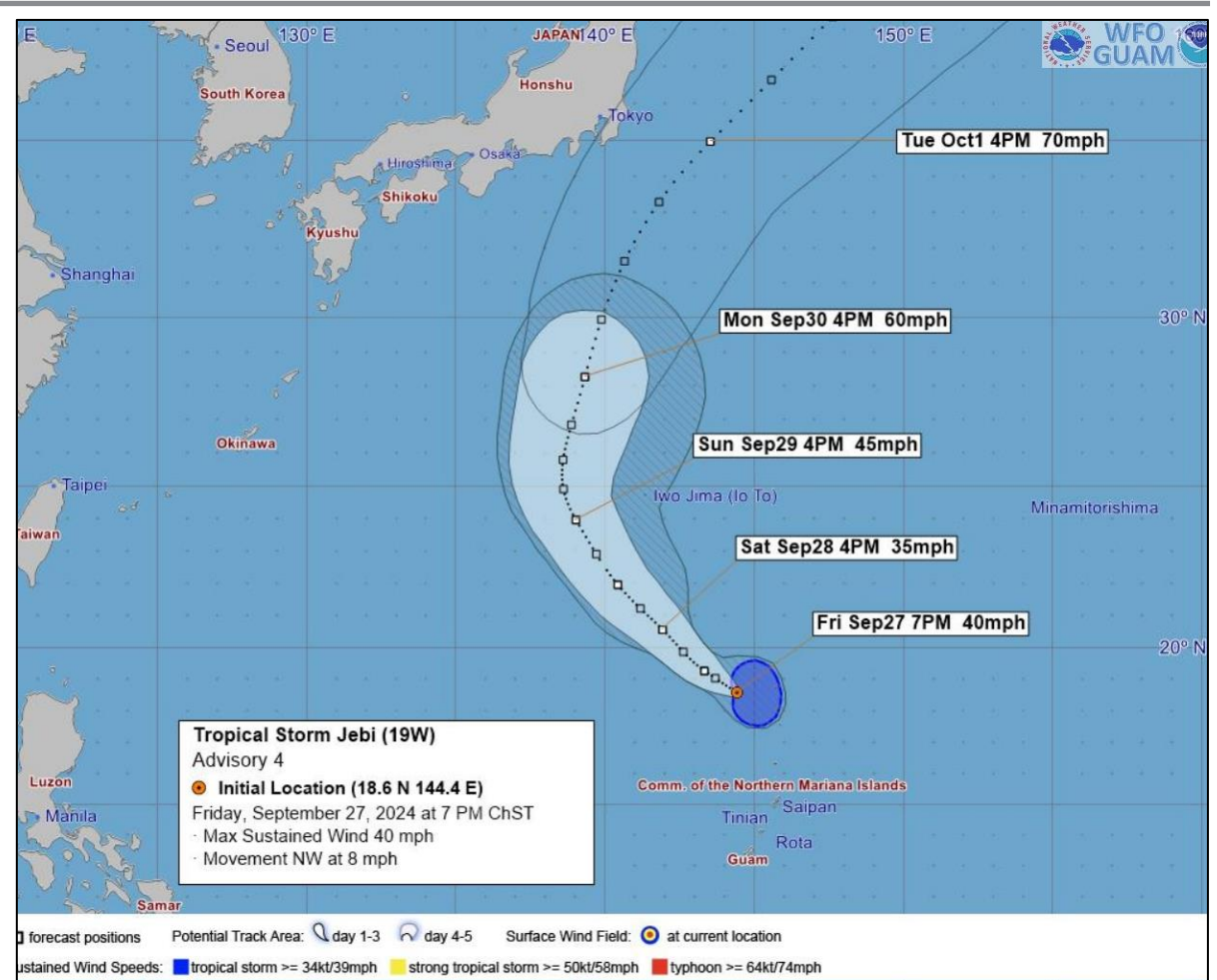
- Flooding may begin at any time, peaking this evening.



Tropical Storm Jebi – West Pacific

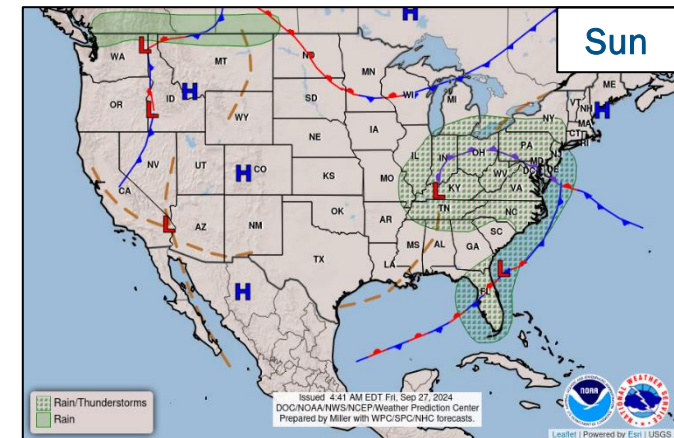
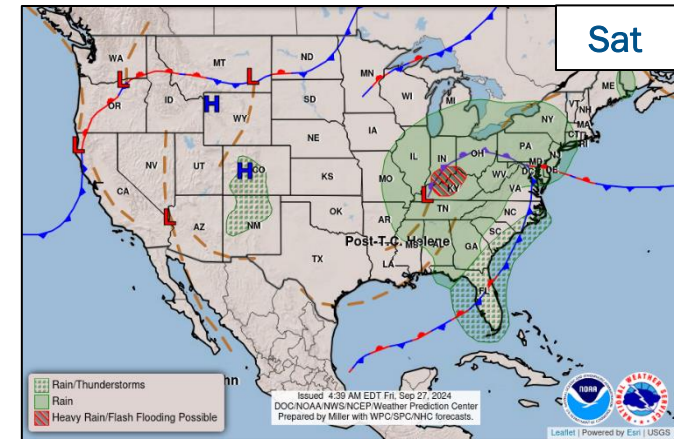
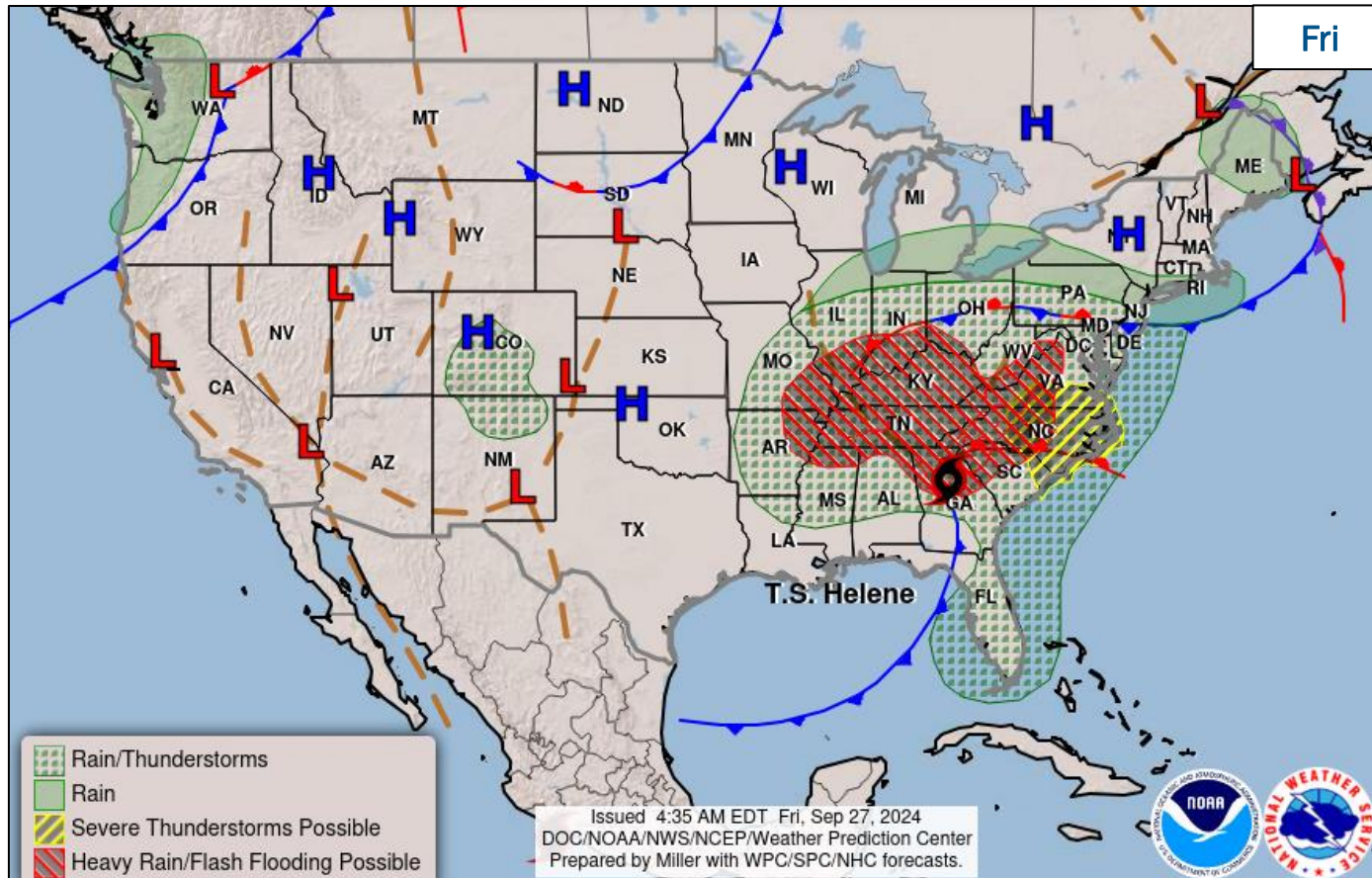
Situation: (Advisory #4, as of 5:00 a.m. ET)

- Located 355 miles N of Guam
- Moving NW at 8 mph
- Max sustained wind 40 mph
- Tropical storm force winds extend outward from the center up to 105 miles
- Tropical Storm conditions are expected to continue through tonight as it continues to move away from the northern Mariana Islands



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National Weather Forecast



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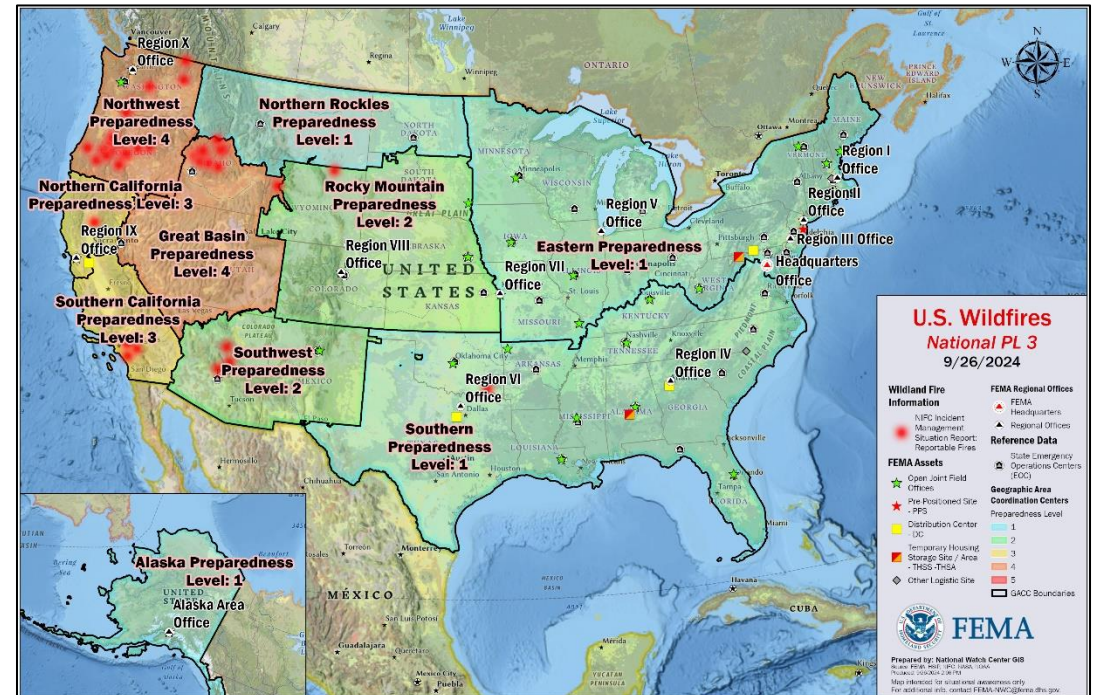
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National Fire Activity *(as of Sep 26)*

National Preparedness Level

PL 3

Initial Attack Activity (24-hour period)	Light (50 fires)
New large fires:	2
Large fires contained:	0
Uncontained large fires:	34
Cumulative Acres Burned	7,877,684
Total Responders	10,413
Type 1 IMTs deployed	1
Complex IMTs deployed	11 of 41



Preparedness Levels Legend

PL 1	Minimal fire activity; many resources available
PL 2	Large wildland fires burning throughout country; resources mobilized from other areas
PL 3	Wildfire activity ongoing throughout 25% of country; National Interagency Coordination Center (NICC) sets priorities, allocates resources, and mobilizes assets at national level
PL 4	High levels of fire activity and areas are competing for firefighting resources; 60% of the nation's wildland firefighting resources committed
PL 5	Extremely high levels of fire activity; 80% of nation's firefighting resources committed

FEMA Common Operating Picture

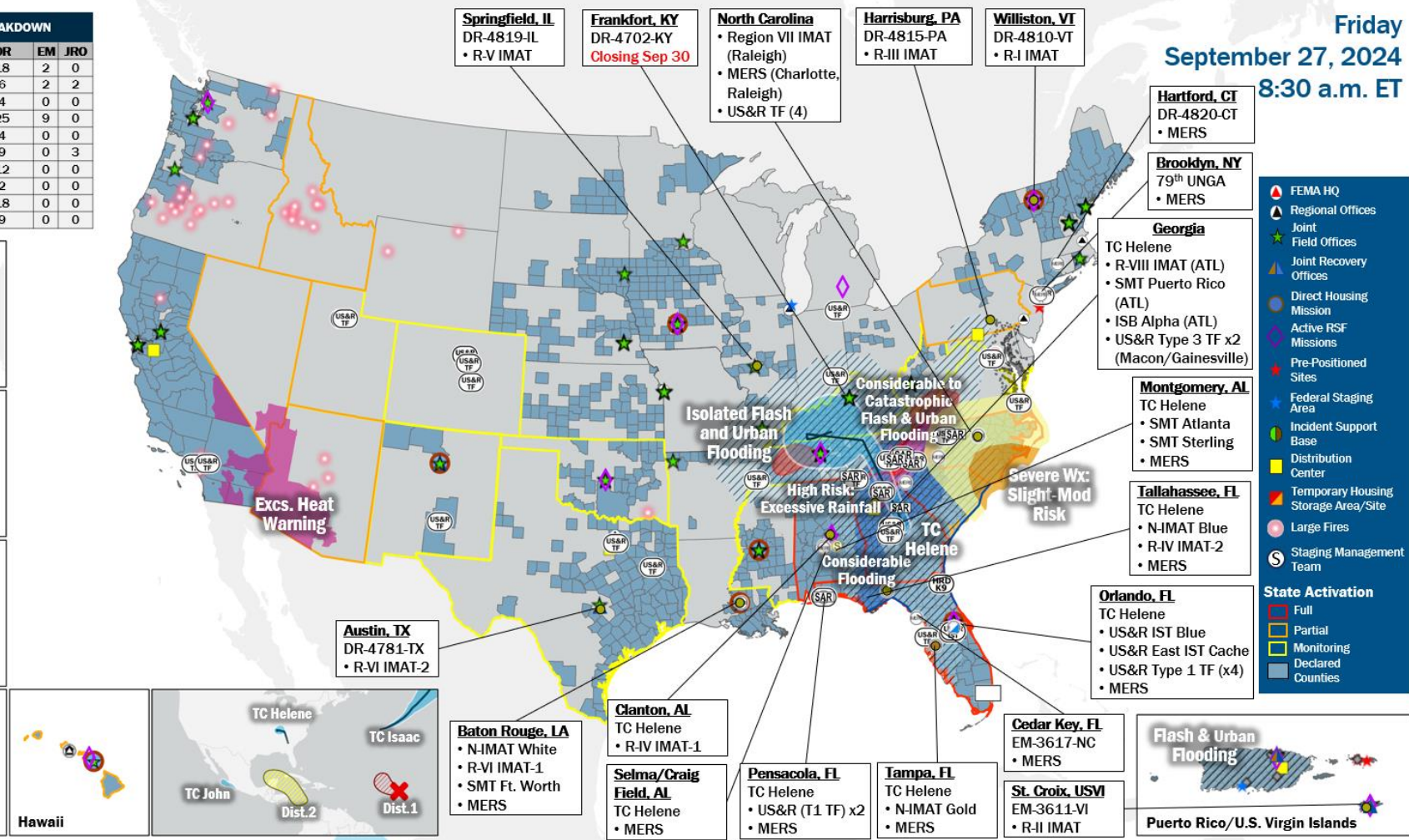
28 + 5 Joint Field Offices Virtual Joint Field Offices Supporting
107+13 Major Disasters Emergency Declarations
12 Direct Housing Missions **17** RSF-Supported Disasters **5** Joint Recovery Offices

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FEMA HQ	
NWC	NRCC
Monitoring	Level I
FEMA REGIONS	
Watch	RRCC
Monitoring	I Rostered
Monitoring	II Level III
Monitoring	III Rostered
Monitoring	IV Level II
Monitoring	V Rostered
Monitoring	VI Rostered
Monitoring	VII Rostered
Monitoring	VIII Rostered
Monitoring	IX Rostered
Monitoring	X Rostered
Notes:	
NRCC/RWCs/RRCCs:	State EOCs:
• NRCC: TC Helene	• OK: Severe Weather
• RII RRCC: 79 th UNGA	• HI/OK/NM/NV/ID/WY/UT/NE: Wildfires
• RIV RRCC: TC Helene	• AZ: SW Border
	• CO: Hwy. 50 closure/Avian Flu
	• NM/AZ: Flooding
	• TX: TC Francine
	• PA: TC Debby
	• WV: Drought
	• VA: Operation FREE
	• FL/AL/GA/MS/NC/SC/TN/KY: TC Helene
Volunteer Force	
Rostered 7,840	Deployed 9 (-1)
Surge Capacity Force	
Rostered 7,783	Deployed 0

N-IMATs 2-5 Teams Available	
Red	
White	LA (Sep 10)
Blue	FL (Sep 23)
Gold	FL (Sep 23)
HS	
R-IMATs ≤ 3 Teams Available	
I	VT (Aug 19)
II	USVI (Aug 9)
III	PA (Sep 12)
IV-1	AL (Sep 24)
IV-2	FL (Aug 2)
V	IL (Sep 23)
VI-1	LA (Sep 10)
VI-2	TX (May 17)
VII	NC (Sep 25)
VIII	GA (Sep 24)
IX-1	Personnel
IX-2	Personnel
X	Personnel
Fully Mission Capable (FMC)	Green
Partially Mission Capable (PMC)	Yellow
Not Mission Capable (NMC)	Red
Deployed	Blue

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN				
JFO/VJFO	DR	EM	JRO	
I	4/0	18	2	0
II	2/1	6	2	2
III	1/0	4	0	0
IV	5/0	25	9	0
V	2/0	4	0	0
VI	5/0	9	0	3
VII	3/1	12	0	0
VIII	1/1	2	0	0
IX	2/1	18	0	0
X	3/1	9	0	0



Legend

- FEMA HQ
- Regional Offices
- Joint Offices
- Field Offices
- Joint Recovery Offices
- Direct Housing Mission
- Active RSF Missions
- Pre-Positioned Sites
- Federal Staging Area
- Incident Support Base
- Distribution Center
- Temporary Housing Storage Area/Site
- Large Fires
- Staging Management Team

State Activation

- Full
- Partial
- Monitoring
- Declared
- Countries

IM Workforce

13,642 (-14) Assigned
 4,769 (-40) Unavailable
 6,976 (+56) Deployed
 14% / 1,897 (-30) Available

IM Cadre Availability

17 Cadres ≤ 25% Availability

Civil Rights: 23 % (37/163); Disability Integration: 17% (7/42); Disaster Survivor Assistance: 14% (161/1,182); External Affairs: 8% (40/516); Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation: 12% (96/814); Field Leadership: 12% (18/145); Financial Management: 22% (50/229); Hazard Mitigation: 7% (87/1,180); Human Resources: 8% (14/172); Individual Assistance: 7% (181/2,516); Information Technology: 17% (110/654); Logistics: 11% (169/1,597); Operations: 8% (28/336); Public Assistance: 14% (315/2,260); Planning: 5% (21/445); Safety: 4% (4/93); Security: 25% (34/135)

MERS
 ≥ 66%

36 Assigned
 0 Unavailable
 11 (+2) Deployed

25 (-2) Available

US&R
 ≥ 66%

28 Assigned
 3 Unavailable
 14 Deployed

11 Available

FCO
 1 Type I

52 Assigned
 9 Unavailable
 42 (33 FCOR) Deployed

1 Available

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

Region	State / Location	Incident	IA	Number of Counties/Jurisdictions		Start – End
			PA	Requested	Complete	
I	CT	Severe Storms & Flooding Aug 18-19	IA	3	3	8/29 – 9/5
			PA	3	1 (+1)	9/9 – TBD
IV	NC	Tropical Cyclone Debby Aug 5-19	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	1	0	9/23 – TBD
VII	Kickapoo Tribe	Severe Storms Aug 15-28	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	1	0	9/26 – TBD
IX	CA	Shiprock Flooding Aug 25	IA	1	0	10/7 – TBD
			PA	1	0	10/7 – TBD



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Declaration Approval – Alabama

Declaration Type: Emergency Declaration – FEMA-3618-EM-AL

Date Requested: Sep 25

Date Approved: Sep 26

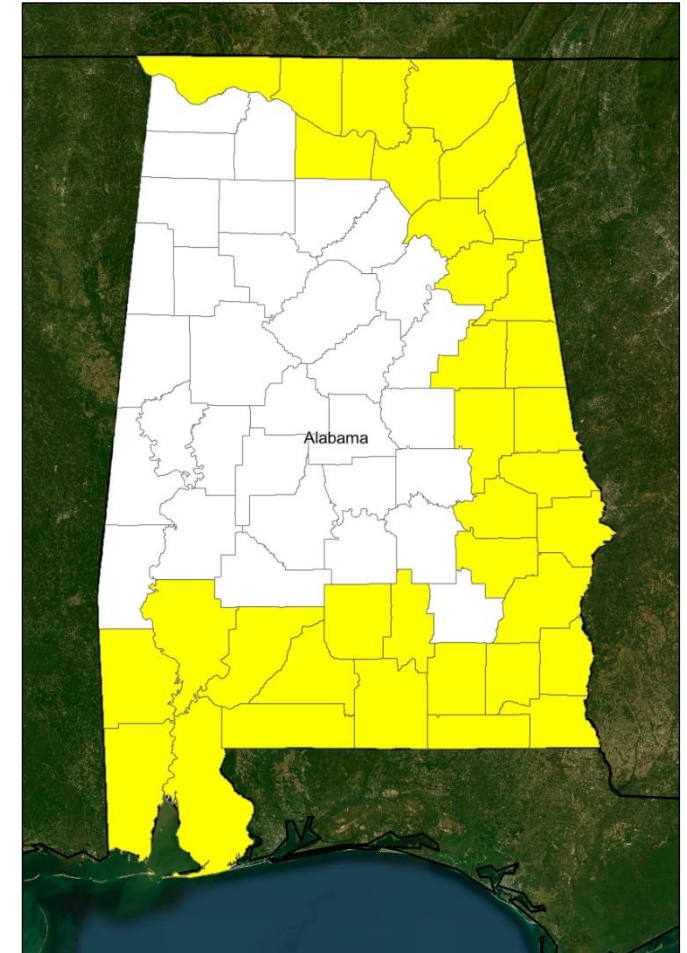
Incident: Hurricane Helene

Incident Period: Sep 22, and continuing

Provides:

- **PA:** 34 counties

FCO: Keith Denning



■ PA



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Declaration Approval – Georgia

Declaration Type: Emergency Declaration – FEMA-3616-EM-GA

Date Requested: Sep 25

Date Approved: Sep 26

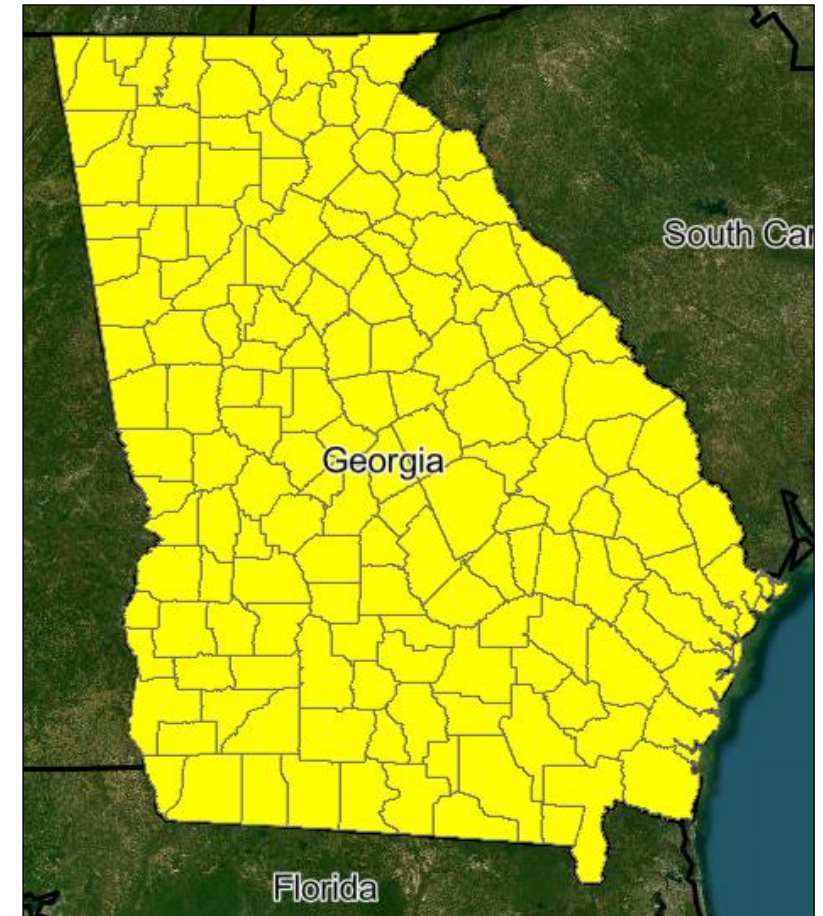
Incident: Hurricane Helene

Incident Period: Sep 24, and continuing

Provides:

- **PA:** 159 counties

FCO: Kevin A. Wallace, Sr.



■ PA



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Declaration Approval – North Carolina

Declaration Type: Emergency Declaration – FEMA-3617-EM-NC

Date Requested: Sep 25

Date Approved: Sep 26

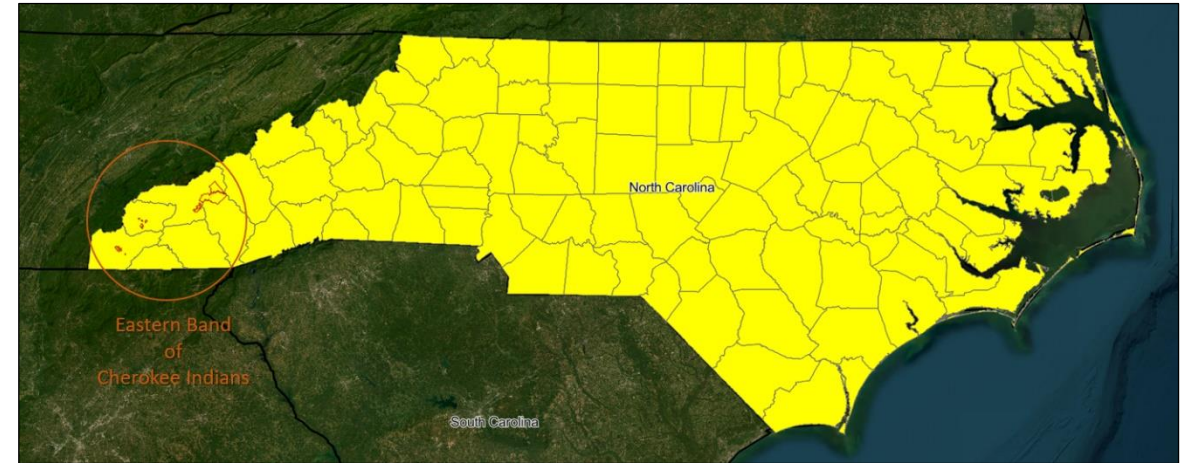
Incident: Hurricane Helene

Incident Period: Sep 25, and continuing

Provides:

- **PA:** 100 counties and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

FCO: E. Craig Levy, Sr.



■ PA



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Declaration Approval – South Carolina

Declaration Type: Emergency Declaration – FEMA-3619-EM-SC

Date Requested: Sep 26

Date Approved: Sep 26

Incident: Hurricane Helene

Incident Period: September 25 and continuing

Requested:

- **PA:** Public Assistance for 46 counties

FCO: Brett H. Howard



■ PA



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Declaration Approval – Vermont

Declaration Type: Major Disaster Declaration – FEMA-4826-DR-VT

Date Requested: Aug 28

Date Approved: Sep 26

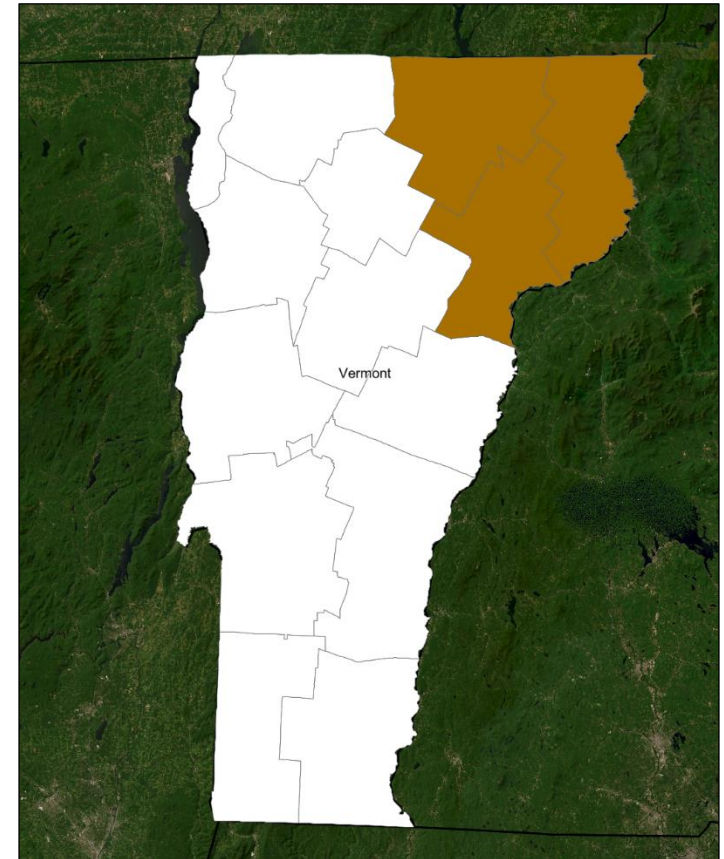
Incident: Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides

Incident Period: Jul 29-31, 2024

Provides:

- **IA/PA:** 3 counties

FCO: William F. Roy



■ IA/PA



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Declaration Requests in Process – 12

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
OH – Train Derailment	DR	X	X	X	Jul 3, 2023
NY – Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding	EM		X		Jul 20
SCA* – Watch Fire	DR	X	X	X	Aug 16
VT – Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides – Approved	DR	X	X	X	Aug 28
NE – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, Tornadoes, and Flooding	DR		X	X	Aug 29
MI – Severe Storm and Tornadoes (APPEAL)	DR	X		X	Sep 11
CRST** – Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Sep 12
USVI – Tropical Storm Ernesto	DR		X	X	Sep 13
SC – Tropical Storm Debby	DR	X	X	X	Sep 16
NY – Severe Storms, Straight -Line Winds and Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Sep 18
AK – Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Sep 19
HT*** – Flooding	DR	X	X	X	Sep 20
CA – Park Fire and Borel Fire	DR	X		X	Sep 24

* San Carlos Apache Tribe, ** Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, ***Havasupai Tribe



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Declaration Requests in Process – 12 (cont.)

State / Tribe / Territory – Incident Description	Type	IA	PA	HM	Requested
NC – Hurricane Helene – Approved	EM		X		Sep 25
GA – Hurricane Helene – Approved	EM		X		Sep 24
AL – Hurricane Helene – Approved	EM		X		Sep 25
SC – Hurricane Helene – Approved	EM		X		Sep 25



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Declaration Amendments

Declaration	Number	Issued	Action
FEMA-3618-EM-AL	1	Sep 26	Adds 32 counties for Public Assistance
FEMA-4806-DR-FL	6	Sep 26	Adds 36 counties for Public Assistance



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